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Indiana Tax Amnesty Tally Revealed, Exceeds All Expectations

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 22, 2005) – The Indiana Department of Revenue has determined a final tally of \$255 million for Indiana Tax Amnesty collections.

The final figure is almost four times more than the \$65 million the legislature initially targeted for total collections and includes both payment-plan commitments and cash payments. More than 91,000 taxpayers participated in the amnesty program, and 87 percent of the total collections were from cash.

Revenue Commissioner John Eckart said the program's success was based on careful business planning and information from various Indiana government offices and agencies, assistance from tax preparers and other states that have implemented amnesty programs in the past.

"The governor expects us all to think and plan intelligently, and to consider how our actions will effect taxpayers throughout the state," said Eckart. "We kept that at the forefront of each decision and the results are a win for everyone."

The Department of Revenue is now working to litigate against those who were eligible for amnesty but did not participate. The agency is also working to implement several other initiatives that will expedite tax billings, monitor businesses more closely and suspend licenses when tax payments fall behind.

Indiana Tax Amnesty ended Nov. 15, 2005.

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